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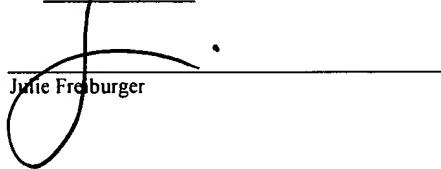
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97 (e)(1) in connection with the above captioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this submission. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fee, or any fees that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement, including Forms PTO/SB/08 (1 page), and cited documents, is provided herewith. Applicants also submit that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the instant

information disclosure statement. The items listed in the instant Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a partial European Search Report mailed December 19, 2005. Therefore, Applicants hereby timely submit the instant Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions under 37 CFR § 1.97 (e)(1).

Applicant would also like to cross-reference the following U.S. and International applications:

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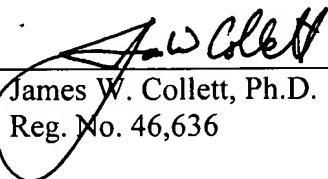
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EP05016736.0	01/27/2000

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the subject application.

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### Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications

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### Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)

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	AF	Green et al., "Spatiotemporal Depletion of Connexins Using Antisense Oligonucleotides", 2001, U.S.
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